REMARKS

The specification and claims have been amended to limit the pH range to 7.5 to 10 and the preferred to 7.5 to 9.5. Support for these amendments can be found on page 4, line 13 of the specification.

In addition, the claims have been amended to avoid improper multiple dependency, to avoid improper for example clauses, to delete improper use claim 21, and place the claims in more traditional U.S. format. Support for new claim 27 can be found in claim 19.

Examination of claims 1-20 and 22-27 is requested.

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